

Whereas, since many Americans are unable to save and invest for retirement beyond the 12.4% payroll tax, a privatized Social Security option may be the only hope for many lower income or economically disadvantaged Americans to achieve financial empowerment and retirement security: now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of the state of Utah urge the United States Congress to enact legislation to allow individual workers to choose to remain in the current system or to select a private account option. Be it further

*Resolved*, That the Legislature urge that the legislation not disrupt the benefits paid to existing Social Security recipients. Be it further

*Resolved*, That the legislation create private accounts to be owned and controlled by individual employees or workers, allow the individual employee or worker discretion to invest among multiple prudent and diversified investment options, and create minimum guaranteed income, disability, and death benefits in the private account. Be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-25. A concurrent resolution adopted by the State of Utah relative to remembering those affected by Cold War nuclear testing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas, January 27, 2001, marks the 50th anniversary of the beginning of nuclear testing at the Nevada test site on January 27, 1951;

Whereas, many Utahns and many other citizens of the United States of America living downwind of those tests suffered as a result of being "active participants" in the nation's nuclear testing program; and

Whereas, uranium miners in Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and the Navajo Nation whose work fueled the nuclear weapons program also suffered from exposure to radiation: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, designate January 27, 2001, as a Day of Remembrance to recognize the legacy of the Cold War and express hope for peace, justice, healing, reconciliation, and the fervent desire and commitment to assure that such a legacy will never be repeated. Be it further

*Resolved*, That the Legislature and the Governor recognize the sacrifices of the downwinders, uranium miners, and all other participants and victims of the Cold War, and their losses due to this tragedy. Be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Downwinders, Inc. and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-26. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah relative to the appropriation of funds; to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

Whereas, 1.25 million acres of land in the state of Utah is infested with crickets and grasshoppers;

Whereas, \$22.5 million in crop losses have occurred in Box Elder and Tooele counties alone, with an additional \$5 million in damages in 16 other counties resulting from the infestation;

Whereas, crickets and grasshoppers have migrated from federal land, where no insecticides were sprayed, to surrounding private lands;

Whereas, on March 15, 2000, Governor Leavitt issued a declaration of agricultural emergency, sought federal disaster relief, and issued a letter of the United States Department of Agriculture seeking federal commodity credit corporation funds for the relief of affected Utah farmers;

Whereas, during 1999 and 2000, available state funds and limited federal assistance were used to treat affected lands, but little progress was made because the bulk of the federal assistance came late in the treatment season;

Whereas, the cricket and grasshopper infestation will be larger in 2001, with continued large economic losses to property owners and agricultural operators;

Whereas, available state funds will be insufficient to adequately control the situation; and

Whereas, since the problem originated on federal lands, the federal government should fund a substantial portion of the effort to eliminate the infestation and assist those whose livelihood has been devastated: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, urges the United States Congress to provide funds sufficient to relieve Utahans of the devastating economic impact of the state's cricket and grasshopper infestation. Be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-27. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah relative to environmental preservation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas, the existence of Glen Canyon Dam and Flaming Gorge Dam has allowed the seven Colorado River Basin states to share and cooperatively plan for the beneficial use of water for millions of citizens;

Whereas, Lake Powell and Flaming Gorge Reservoir provide water regulation and flood control capability in the Colorado River system for the citizens of the seven states;

Whereas, electric generating facilities at Glen Canyon Dam and Flaming Gorge Dam provide electricity to more than a million households;

Whereas, millions of visitors annually enjoy the recreational amenities and world-renown fisheries at Lake Powell and Flaming Gorge Reservoir; and

Whereas, the construction of the Glen Canyon Dam and the Flaming Gorge Dam has created a rich riparian habitat below the dams that did not previously exist: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, urge the United States Congress and the Department of Interior officials to recognize and protect the water, power, recreation, and environmental benefits of Lake Powell and Flaming Gorge Reservoir, and the water regulation and flood control benefits to United States citizens from Glen Canyon Dam and Flaming Gorge Dam. Be it further

*Resolved*, That the Legislature and the Governor urge the United States Congress and Department of Interior officials to oppose any effort to breach or remove Glen Canyon Dam or Flaming Gorge Dam, or drain Lake Powell or Flaming Gorge Reservoir. Be it further

*Resolved*, That the Legislature and the Governor urge Congress and Department of

Interior officials to prohibit the use of federal funds for any studies concerning the breaching or removal of Glen Canyon Dam, Flaming Gorge Dam, Lake Powell, or Flaming Gorge Reservoir. Be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of Utah's congressional delegation, and Department of Interior officials.

POM-28. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to Support Pay Equity; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, the average American woman who works full time earns approximately 74¢ for each dollar that an average man earns working full time, and the average woman working full time in Maine earns approximately 73¢ for each dollar that an average man working full time in Maine earns; and

Whereas, the significant pay gap between men and women performing jobs of comparable skill, effort and responsibility, even when wages are adjusted for levels of education, contributes to the disproportionately high poverty rate among women and children in the State and across the Nation; and

Whereas, Congress has found that the gender-based wage gap depresses living standards for American women and their families, harms their health and efficiency, prevents the maximum utilization of available labor resources and tends to cause labor disputes, thereby burdening, affecting and obstructing commerce and creating unfair methods of competition; and

Whereas, justice requires that women be paid fairly for the value of their work; and

Whereas, the average wage gap between men and women has continued for decades without significant improvement, notwithstanding federal and state laws that prohibit discrimination in compensation for equal work on the basis of sex, including the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, Title VII of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 628; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States strengthen efforts to ensure that women are paid fairly for their work; and be it further

*Resolved*, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment:

S. 319: A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure that air carriers meet their obligations under the Airline Customer Service Agreement, and provide improved passenger service in order to meet public convenience and necessity. (Rept. No. 107-13).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee were submitted: